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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Wyatt Paul et al.

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For : PROTEIN COMPLEMENTATION IN TRANSGENIC PLANTS

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SIR:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 6, 7 and 21 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). The amended claims are presented below and the amendments to the claims are indicated in the marked-up set of claims in Attachment A hereto.

6. (Amended) The pair of ~~plants~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the regulatory protein ~~is~~ a transcription factor.

7. (Amended) The pair of plants as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polypeptides A and B are two polypeptide subunits of an enzyme having RNase activity such as the enzyme Barnase or RNase A.